

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-9 (canceled)

10. (Original) A method of applying an absorbent undergarment about a human lower torso having a waist and a crotch comprising the steps of:

a) encircling the waist of the torso with a waist belt comprising a first belt end secured to a proximal end of a suspension sling and a second belt end;

b) releasably attaching the second belt end to the first belt end;

c) drawing the suspension sling through the crotch of the torso, the suspension sling further comprising means for absorbing and containing body exudates, longitudinally extending suspension sling side margins, and a suspension sling distal end; and

d) releasably attaching the suspension sling distal end to the belt at a point between the second belt end and the first belt end.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising orienting the second belt end and suspension sling toward the anterior of the torso while releasably attaching to the first belt end thereto.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising rotating the encircling belt about the waist to locate the suspension sling at posterior portions of the torso, generally in the area of the buttocks, prior to drawing the distal end through the crotch toward anterior portions of the torso.

13-17 (Canceled)

18. (Original) A method of applying an absorbent undergarment about a human lower torso having a waist and a crotch comprising the steps of:

a) encircling the waist of the torso with a waist belt having a first belt end, a second belt end, a first sling attachment location proximate the first belt end, and a second sling attachment location disposed between the first and second belt ends;

b) releasably attaching the first and second belt ends;

c) attaching to the first sling attachment location a proximal end of a disposable suspension sling useful for absorbing and containing body exudates, said suspension sling having longitudinally extending suspension sling side margins, a suspension sling distal end and the suspension sling proximal end;

d) drawing at least the suspension sling distal end through the crotch of the torso;
and

e) attaching the suspension sling distal end to the second sling attachment location.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 further comprising the step of orienting the first belt end toward anterior portions of the torso while releasably attaching to the second belt end thereto.